

## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Division of Spill Prevention and Response Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

## **Rampart Tanker Fuel Release**

SITREP#1

**SPILL #:** 13309910101

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. April 14, 2013

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Rampart Village Council

**INCIDENT LOCATION**: On a snow road west of the Rampart Airport, approximately 150 yards southeast of the Yukon River.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** A bulldozer pulling a tanker trailer lost control of its load at 9:30 p.m. on April 11, 2013. The tanker trailer rolled into the ditch and released an estimated 3,500 gallons of diesel to the birch, aspen and spruce forest. The spill was reported to ADEC at 12:47 p.m. on April 12, 2013.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The spilled product is diesel fuel. ADEC responders on site estimate that 3,500 gallons was released into a birch, aspen and spruce forest.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** A bulldozer was pulling a tanker trailer down a snow road to deliver fuel. The trailer went into the ditch and rolled, resulting in extensive damage to the aluminum tank and causing immediate release of the diesel fuel.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The tank is not actively leaking at this time.

**RESPONSE ACTION**: ADEC has two field responders on site to develop plans for product recovery as well as an appropriate safety plan. ADEC is working with the local village to determine the availability of trained spill responders and equipment operators and a plan for cleanup.

ADEC has marked off the affected area for safety reasons; however, a final delineation of spilled material has not been done at this time.

350 gallons of fuel have been recovered from the trailer using pumps and drums. An unknown amount of fuel remains in the truck and will be removed when the appropriate equipment is available. There has been no recovery of spilled product to date.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Snow-covered material on the floor of a birch, aspen and spruce forest has been affected by this incident. Due to the topography and location of this incident, ADEC is working to prevent migration of the spilled diesel fuel to the Yukon River, which is approximately 150 yards from the spill site. No wildlife impacts have been observed.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC will continue to develop tactics and monitor the response actions as well as review plans being developed to clean up contaminated snow and soil.



**WEATHER**: Tonight: Overcast with a chance of snow up to one inch; lows 12°F; east-northeast winds from 5 to

10 mph.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy in the morning; highs 37°F; North-northwest winds from 5 to 10 mph.

## **UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Peggy Wright, Rampart Village Council

SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC Field SOSC: Paul Lhotka, ADEC

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 1:00 p.m. April 15, 2013

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Adamczak, ADEC (907) 451-2124



Overturned fuel tank on snow road outside of Rampart, AK. April 12, 2013. (Photo/Rampart Village)

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